

CENTER STAGE



sharing, caring,
and learning for life



MATH FACT DAY

Math Fact day – It is a great time to practice math facts the children learned throughout the school year. Staff members and volunteers ask other students to answer math facts and when they answer it correctly, the students receive a stamp on their hands. **Thank you to Mr. Bauer, Mrs. Kailbourne, Mrs. VanCuren and Mrs. Sotero for helping to provide the students with another great fun way of learning.**



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BRAND NEW PROGRAM I MET MY GOAL!

Fridays around CS have come to be known as “**Focus Friday**” as we take time throughout the building to celebrate our students’ academic achievements and growth on our WCSN Broadcast. They have a certificate placed on the Wall of Fame, have their picture taken to display, receive a wrist band stating, “I met my goal”, and personally call their parents on a specifically decorated phone in the principal’s office to let them know what they accomplished. The student body gets to share in the celebration as all clap and cheer their accomplishments. So far we have 23 celebrity students who have achieved their goal in the last 2 weeks. We look forward to many more!



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Center Street Information

BUILDING DOORS WILL BE LOCKED

As part of the District-wide security system and our emphasis on safety, the building doors will be locked during the day. Both of the main lobby entrance doors have a white box. Please push the button, wait for a response and you will be buzzed into the building. We may ask you to look toward the camera or identify yourself by speaking into the white box. Once you enter the building, please report directly to the office to sign in and pick up a visitor's badge.

Please note that our goal is to provide the best possible educational environment for all students. To reach this goal, each grade level team works to create balanced classroom sections with a mix of students by ability, gender, personality and individual special needs. We are unable to honor specific requests for individual teachers, **but we do value your input from a parent's perspective**. If you have specific information about your child that you would like us to take into consideration when creating the class lists, please put this information in writing and sent it to me at the Center Street School; Office **by Friday, May 15th**. Information about your child's learning style, strengths, growth areas and personality would be most valuable to us during the placement process.

Please note that all parent input received by the **deadline of May 15th** will be reviewed during the classroom process. However, we cannot guaranteed that special requests will be honored. Once class list have been distributed, no requests to change classroom placement will be accepted.

We look forward to working with you for your child's academic success. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at the Center Street Office at 795-2580. ***Needed: Bus Drivers and substitute nurses— apply at the Horseheads Transportation Dept. and the Human Resource Dept.***

SPRING CLOTHING

With the warmer weather coming, we will be seeing many summer type outfits. Please remember to check with your child to make sure that the shorts and shirts they are choosing to wear meet the Code of Conduct requirements. Short shorts, spaghetti straps and crop tops are not permitted for school attire. If your child chooses to wear sandals, they need to have straps and he/she must be responsible for bringing sneakers for playground and gym. Also, **flip-flops are not appropriate for school**. Thanks for your support in this matter.



The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for CENTER STREET is Patricia Sotero. Complaints regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any student should be referred to Patricia Sotero at 795-2580 x 2600.

The Dignity Act Coordinator for the Horseheads Central School District is Judith Christiansen. Mrs. Christiansen may be reached at One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845, 607-739-5601, x4211.

**Safe Schools Line - To report a concern, rumor, or other safety issue - call 795-2044 or 1-800-305-4984.
Line is available 24 hours a day - ALL CALLS ARE ANONYMOUS AND CONFIDENTIAL.**

The Horseheads Central School District offers educational programs without regard to gender, race, color, national origin, or disability. Inquiries regarding this policy may be made to Judy Christiansen, Title IX Coordinator, or Kim Williams, Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central School District, One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845 (607) 739-5601



Dear Parent (s) / Caregiver (s),

The count begins as we quickly approach the end of the year. At the end of the month, the fourth graders will be taking the performance portion of the NYS Science assessment. I am confident the students will do a fine job, as the staff has been consistently preparing the students in the areas

that will be assessed. Together, we will continue to help prepare your child to be successful in all areas of academics. Our goal is to do our very best!

The students have grown in many ways. Some children have added inches to their height. We have certainly witnessed a tremendous growth in their maturity and wonderful leaps in their academic progress.

Please take a few moments to review the students' dress code with your child. I know you want your child to come to school every day ready to learn. Following the dress code is an important step, especially as the warmer weather quickly approaches.

Sincerely,

Patti Sotero, Principal



Special Note: If your family plans to move over the summer, please notify the office as soon as possible with your new address/school.

Center Street Elementary Contact Information

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Newsletter in Color: <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/centerst/csnews.cfm>



Character **C**orner Citizenship

Do your share to make your school and community better • Cooperate • Get involved in community affairs • Stay informed; vote • Be a good neighbor • Obey laws and rules • Respect authority • Protect the environment



We want to welcome Ashlee VanCuren to Center Street as our new part time Contract Sub. Ashlee has been at Center Street assisting in the classrooms and she is a wonderful addition to the team!

MATH FACT DAY

More Math Fact Day & POEM IN YOUR POCKET DAY.... Photos... Great Job!



On Wed., April 22nd, our school honored our office staff - Mrs. Wigsten and Mrs. Alexander for Administrative Assistant Day. We appreciate everything these ladies do to make a difference in our school. Students made cards, special announcements and tokens were given to them to let them know how much they are appreciated.



Gasoline



Insect Sprays



CFL's



Oil Base

Chemung County's Spring

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

is scheduled for Saturday, May 16th, 2015

This event is FREE, and for
Chemung County residents only!!

Pre-registration is required
by calling Cornell Cooperative Extension at 607-
734-4453, Monday, April 27th-Wednesday, May
13th, 9am-4pm, weekdays only
Registration will end on May 13th at 4pm.

For more information and a detailed list of
acceptable items please visit our website at
chemung.cce.cornell.edu

(funded by Chemung Landfill, LLC, a division of
Casella Waste Services)

NO ELECTRONICS!!



Pizza Party Celebration!





Thank you to Kohl's for supporting our students, reading and providing reading buddies to our K and 1st Graders!!



**Good
Apple
Awards!**

Last Name	First Name	Grade
Fish	Makessa	K
McInerny	Liam	K
Ostrander	Tyler	K
Thomas	Bryce	K
Evans	Morgan	1
Fedele	Andrew	1
Maclauchlan	Isabella	1
Bachert	Elly	1
Bailey	Gavin	1
Cranmer	Alexander	1
Hart	McKenzie Jane	1

Erickson	Jeffrey	2
Rybak	Kylee	2
Gryska	Mickenzie	2
Hollister	Brennan	2
Apgar	Caleb	3
Dufresne	Isabella	3
Kingsbury	Natalie	3

**Way to
Go!**

Fourth Grade Class 2015

SHARE THEIR REFLECTIONS ABOUT CS!

What was your greatest experience or memory you had at Center Street?

Ethan Raupers – The greatest experience I've had at Center Street was meeting all my friends.

Eliana Streeter – My favorite memory is the first time I went to Field Day.

Paige McInerney – My greatest memory was Crazy Hat day.

Leanna Kingsbury – Being with all my friends-

Kaitlin Wheeler – My greatest memory was being picked to be on Safety Patrol.

Carly Hoskins – The greatest memory I had in Center Street was coming to this school and having fun.

Nick Cowan – When I met all my friends-

Cayden Chalk – My greatest memory I've ever had was in Kindergarten. My friends and I built towers with the all the blocks.

Rachel Lunger – My greatest memory at CS is when I was in Kindergarten in Mr. Berger's class.

Owen Nielsen – I'll remember second grade because it is when you start to act like a grownup. You have to remember your home-work and have more responsibility.

Cheyenna Birdsall – My first day at CS was the best time of my life because I hated school but now I love it.

Madalyn Jenkins – My greatest memory here is the Holiday Shoppe.

Teagan Crum – My greatest memory was the first day I stepped foot at CS. I knew it was going to be a fabulous year.

Olivia Tompkins – My greatest is all my experiences and the carnival.

Emma Bachert – My favorite memory is doing backhand springs at recess in third grade.

Connor Grant – In second grade and meeting all my friends-

Andrew Harmer- Going to the Clemens Center and seeing the Teacher from the Black Lagoon-

Gabriella Plaskie – My greatest experience or memory at Center Street I had was winning a Presidential Award for math when I was in third grade.

Ryan Wheeler – The greatest memory I had at Center Street was meeting all my friends.

Lindsey Bohrer – My greatest experience was the Talent Show watching and performing.

Jennifer Kruckow – My greatest memory at CS is when I was in second grade and we watched butterflies grow.

Meadow Barr – My greatest memory at Center Street was winning the Spelling Bee in third grade.

Richard Norton – My greatest experience I had at Center Street is when I was playing dodgeball in the gym.

Tatiana Copp – The first time I walked in this door, everybody was smiling and so happy. Then I walked into Mr. Berger's class.

Tyler Andrews – Going to the Outbacks field trip-

Garrett Spencer - My first day at school and meeting all my new friends-



What is the one thing you will miss the most when you move on to the Intermediate School?

Julian Timmerman – I will miss all of the different ways we learned things.

Grace Wood – The one thing I will miss the most here is everything! I wish I could stay here forever and never leave this place.

Jaiden Serru – I will miss all the teachers I had.

Jordan Herriott – My teachers-

Hailey Stansfield – I will miss the whole school and all the teachers.

Makenzie Jackson - All my friends at CS-

Owen Nielsen – I'll miss the teachers; they are so kind.

Cadence Costley – My teachers – Mrs. Prutsman, Ms. Sutton, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Standish-

Abby Lewis – My teacher, Mrs. Karastury, because she is very nice and helpful-

MaKenna Ostrander – I will miss all of the great teachers. I will miss Finley and all of the fun activities.

Jacob McInerney – I will miss being in the gym.

Laura Satterlee – The thing I will miss most is all of my friends in the lower grades.

Arianna Johnson – The one thing I will miss is all the staff in the office and my teachers.

MaKenzie Wida – My teacher – Mrs. Karastury because she is very nice and very helpful-

Dylan Bowron – I will miss the whole school!

Cody LaVigne – The thing I will miss most is all of the teachers, Ms. Case, Mrs. Butler, Ms. Diane and everything else.

Share one staff member from Center Street that made a difference in your life and why?

Connor Jackson – One staff member from Center Street that made a difference in my life is Mrs. Prutsman. She made a difference in my life because she was always encouraging us when we had to do lots of work.

Hunter Raupers – Mrs. Sotero because she is really fun.

Tamara Mendez – One staff member from Center Street that made a difference in my life is Mrs. Prutsman because she taught me many things I did not know.

Gerald Farnham – The staff member from Center Street that made a difference is Mrs. Prutsman because she helped me.

Noah Wood – One staff member that made a difference in my life was Ms. Sutton because she helped me with everything.

Zachary Dailey – Mrs. Swimley-

Haylei Walker – I would have to pick Mrs. Bennett. She helped me talk out my problems. She made me smile and be happy when I was feeling blue. She also made me laugh.

Meadow Barr – Mrs. Sotero for making Center Street an AWESOME place to learn.

Ian Watson – Ms. Sutton made a difference by making me feel more comfortable in school.

Emily Johnson – Mrs. Packard is my mentor. I want to be just like when I grow up so I can give loads of gifts on Valentine's Day. She trusts me with her books and for that I'll remember her always.

Maleia Bohart – The staff member I'll miss is Mrs. Packard because she helped me get caught up and she is nice.

Aidan Merrick – Mrs. Sotero made a difference in my life so I do my best.

Nolan Barcomb – Mrs. Prutsman because she taught me everything and I know she is a great teacher.

Devon Walton – Mrs. Battersby because she is nice and cool-

Brandi Bernard – Mrs. Prutsman she is the best teacher I ever had and she changed my life.

Katelyn Hayes – My favorite staff member is Mrs. McCallum because she was always so nice to me.

Nilla Savino – Not just one but all of my teachers made a difference in my life by helping me at school-

Ryleigh Potter – Mrs. Karastury-

Teagan Crum – Mrs. Standish because she was the nicest-

Tatiana Copp – Mrs. Klossner because she helped to bring out the creativity in my life-

Aniah Jenkins – I'm going to miss Ms. B., Mrs. Packard, Mrs. Prutsman, Mrs. Karastury, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Sotero.

What is one bit of advice that you can leave with the rest of the students at Center Street?

Morgan Jones – One bit of advice I can leave is to be patient ; the best comes to those who wait.

Riley Festech – Don't be nervous if you find something you don't understand. Just be patient and chose your best answer or a way to figure it out.

Chris Hollister – One bit of advice is never give up and if you try your best you will always be happy.

Jaiden Mattison – Listen to all the teachers and have fun.

Aiden Osiecki– The advice I can leave is do your BEST on everything!

Emily Johnson – Work hard, spend time reading, treat people the way you want to be treated and be yourself. Don't pretend to be who you are not.

Evan Kio – My advice is always work hard because there is no limit to what you can do.

Julian Timmerman – The work is not hard, don't stress and have fun!

Gabby Beschler – Always be nice to people and try your best.

Rachel Lunger – One piece of advice that I would like to leave is don't be afraid of anything and go for it!

Connor Jackson – One bit of advice that I can leave the rest of the students at Center Street it is a great school with greatest teachers enjoy it.

Kallie Seeley – The one bit of advice I can leave is to stay in school and learn more every day. Be an active sport's player.

Tamara Mendez – One bit of advice that I can leave with the rest of the students at Center Street is that teachers make a difference in your lives. So we should listen to them while you are learning and having fun!

Garrett Spencer – Be friendly and in return you get friends!

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR NEW PTO OFFICERS!**
PRESIDENT - KRIS EARL
VICE PRESIDENT - WANDA KAILBOURNE
SECRETARY - MICHELLE GRYSKA
TREASURER - MELISSA YEARICK

CRAZY HAIR DAY!



CS END OF THE YEAR DATES

Please note the following important dates:

FRI., JUNE 19th - NO SCHOOL

TUES., JUNE 23rd - LAST FULL DAY OF SCHOOL

WED., JUNE 24th – Early dismissal 11:00 am

THURS., JUNE 25th – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - dismissal 11:00



Olivia French won first place for a solo in a dance competition. She is part of the Legacy Dance Champions! She danced to “Dynamite”.

GREAT JOB

Reading with the Principal

Reading is important to learning, and it allows us to laugh, travel, and pass through different time zones without even leaving our seats. Mrs. Sotero enjoys listening to the children read to her each and every week whether it is a new book the students read or a story they wrote themselves.





Special Military Care Packages

Let's send a great big Center Street School thank you to our special soldiers who are serving our country! We want to thank **them** for protecting and preserving our freedom.

Drop off an item in our **CARE FOR OUR SPECIAL SOLDIERS** container located in the lobby. We will be packaging the items and shipping them abroad. The last day to bring in these items will be on **Mon. May 19TH**. If you would like to send a note of thanks or a greeting card of your own, that would be wonderful!! Thank you for joining Center Street in honoring our brave soldiers so far from home.

Here are some suggestions:

**** NOTHING WITH PEANUTS DUE TO PEANUT ALLERGIES!**

- * Flavored powder drink for bottled water
- * Cookies
- * Beef Jerky
- * Trail Mix
- * Hard Candies (no chocolate please due to heat)
- * Pretzels
- * Gum
- * Crossword puzzle books
- * Stationary or tablets
- * Hand sanitizer
- * Foot powder
- * Chap-stick
- * Lip



Reminders

NO SCHOOL
MAY 21, 22 & 25

May 2015 - “Citizenship”

Our fabulous art show is coming up **May 11 – 18th** at the Arnot Mall. There will be a piece of art work from every student at Center Street. Come and see all the wonderful creativity of our students!

A very special thank you to Mrs. Klossner for helping our students shine!

Please stop by in front of the Olympia Sports Store to see your child’s artwork.

Center Street has a Facebook page. Please “like” us to read about activities, events, and other important information about our school.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Spring Clothing Sale Box Top Contest</i>	2
3	4 <u>DAY 5</u> <i>Rt Communication Mtg</i>	5 <u>DAY 6</u> <i>Volunteer Appreciation 5:30 - Last come for coffee 6 PTO 6:30</i>	6 <u>DAY 1</u> <i>Nurse Appreciation Day Faculty Meeting 2:45</i>	7 <u>DAY 2</u> <i>CSE Mtgs</i>	8 <u>DAY 3</u> <i>Teaching Assistant Meeting 8:00 - 8:30</i>	9
10	11 <u>DAY 4</u>	12 <u>DAY 5</u>	13 <u>DAY 6</u>	14 <u>DAY 1</u> <i>Science Mobile</i>	15 <u>DAY 2</u> <i>K Orientation 8:45-12:45 Sp Clothing Sale ends Scholastic Book Fair Pre K & K</i>	16
<i>Mother’s Day</i>	<i>Scholastic Book Fair—Gr 4</i>	<i>Scholastic Book Fair Gr 3</i>	<i>Scholastic Book Fair Gr 2</i>	<i>Scholastic Book Fair Gr 1</i>		
17	18 <u>DAY 3</u> <i>SBT Meeting @ 2:45 IT Meeting 4:00 Scholastic Book Fair Extra</i>	19 <u>DAY 4</u>	20 <u>DAY 5</u> <i>NTS 4th Science Performance Jeans for Troops</i>	21 Give Back Day	22 HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL	23
24	25 Memorial Day NO SCHOOL	26 <u>DAY 6</u> <i>Spring Concert 1:15 7:00 @ HS Aud</i>	27 <u>DAY 1</u> <i>Rt Mtg 8:30 - 2:30</i>	28 <u>DAY 2</u> <i>Last Day of School Store</i>	29 <u>DAY 3</u> <i>Box Top Contest Ends</i>	30
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